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SLED CHARGES GREENVILLE COUNTY MAN WITH AGGRAVATED BREACH OF PEACE, CRUELTY TO A POLICE DOG, AND RESISTING ARREST WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged James Edgar Hopkins IV, 51, with Aggravated Breach of Peace, Cruelty to a Police Dog, and Resisting Arrest with a Deadly Weapon on Monday, June 2, 2024.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

The case will be prosecuted by the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

SLED was requested by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office to investigate an officer involved shooting on May 13, 2024. SLED's investigation is active and ongoing.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A2310300026

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE

34-24-0065

against

James Edgar Hopkins Iv

Address:

Taylors, SC 29687-

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 185

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: /1972 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer: Colby Benjamin Grigg - S02272

Offense: Breach / Breach of peace, aggravated in nature

Offense Code: 0955

Code/Ordinance Sec: 00-00-0000

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant

on James Edgar Hopkins Iv

6/3/2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Greenville General Sessions
305 E. North Street
Greenville County Courthouse
Greenville, SC 29601-2120

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

Personally appeared before me the affiant Colby Benjamin Grigg

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant James Edgar Hopkins Iv

did within this county and state on or about 5/13/2024

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Greenville)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of peace, aggravated in nature

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

On or about May 13, 2024, in Greenville County, James Hopkins did commit the offense of Breach of Peace, aggravated in nature, when he acted in a dangerous and disorderly manner as Greenville County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) Deputies attempted to apprehend him for outstanding warrants. Hopkins used a butcher style knife to stab a GCSO K-9 causing serious injury. Hopkins then fled toward an occupied bank while maintaining possession of the knife. The Affiant's belief is based upon SLED Investigation (34-24-0065).

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

Affiant's Address 4400 Broad River Road

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (864)467-8111

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 5/13/2024

defendant James Edgar Hopkins Iv

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Greenville

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of peace, aggravated in nature

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 5/17/2024

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Matthew Bruce Hubbard (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7003

Judge's Address 320 West Main St

Taylors, SC 29687-

Judge's Telephone (864)467-4625

Issuing Court:

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Magistrate

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
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ARREST WARRANT

2024A2310300027

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE

against

James Edgar Hopkins Iv

Address:

Taylors, SC 29687-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 185

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: /1972 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer: Colby Benjamin Grigg - S02272

Offense: Animals / Cruelty to police dog or horse

Offense Code: 3330

Code/Ordinance Sec: 47-03-0620

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The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant James Edgar Hopkins IV on 6/3/2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Greenville General Sessions
305 E. North Street
Greenville County Courthouse
Greenville, SC 29601-2120

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Animals / Cruelty to police dog or horse

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

On or about May 13, 2024, in Greenville County, James Hopkins willfully injured a Greenville County Sheriff's Office K-9 that was being used in an attempt to apprehend Hopkins for outstanding warrants. Hopkins used a butcher style knife to stab the K-9 causing serious injury. The Affiant's belief is based upon SLED Investigation (34-24-0065).

Signature of Affiant

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Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone (864)467-8111

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(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge
Matthew Bruce Hubbard (Magistrate)

Judge Code: 7003

Judge's Address 320 West Main St

Taylors, SC 29687-

Judge's Telephone (864)467-4625

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A2310300028

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Greenville

THE STATE

against

James Edgar Hopkins Iv

Address:

Taylors, SC 29687-

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 Weight: 185

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1972 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer: Colby Benjamin Grigg - S02272

Offense: Resisting / Resisting arrest with a deadly weapon - 1st offense

Offense Code: 2352

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0625

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Resisting / Resisting arrest with a deadly weapon - 1st offense

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

On or about May 13, 2024, James Hopkins, did resist arrest with a deadly weapon, when Greenville County Sheriff's Office Deputies attempted to take him into custody for outstanding warrants. Hopkins used a butcher style knife to stab a GCSO K-9 causing serious injury. Hopkins then fled toward an occupied bank and turned toward deputies with the knife as they attempted to stop him. The Affiant's belief is based upon SLED Investigation (34-24-0065).

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